

God's Purpose

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Preface: Just about any Christian knows God has a plan. And of course, the central focus of that plan is to save His wayward children (John 3:16; II Peter 3:9). What many Christians *don't* understand is that God also has a *purpose*, which is to say, a very specific accomplishment He intends to bring about *in the course of His great plan to save His children*. In this study, we'll take a look at that purpose...its origin in the first world age...the reason for its necessity...how it will finally be accomplished by our heavenly Father...and perhaps most importantly, how it affects *you*, even today, and what you must be aware of so that you're not negatively affected.

It will be very difficult to understand this Bible study if you don't have a firm grasp on the fact that there are three separate world ages spoken of in the Bible: There's the first world age, described by St. Peter in II Peter chapter 3 as "the world that then was." This is when all of God's children lived together in harmony as angels, until Satan's rebellion. Then, there's the second world age, which is the age in which we now live and through which each soul must pass into the flesh *one time* to be tested. And finally, there's the third world age, which is the eternal age to come in which only the righteous in Christ will dwell.

If you don't understand the fact that all souls, including *yours*, once dwelt happily with our heavenly Father until Satan went bad and drew one-third of God's children away from Him resulting in the destruction of that entire first age, then it would be wise to read the Bible study titled [Three World Ages](#) before you read this one. You can come back to this study at a later date, once you have the requisite Scriptural background firmly in your mind. If you're *already* aware of the three world ages, then this study will help augment your understanding of what happened in that first world age, its spillover into this second world age, and *what to expect next* as your heavenly Father works to bring about His great and final purpose.

Our heavenly Father's great purpose on this earth, though decreed long ago, will not be carried out in full until the very *final day* of this second world age, when His great white throne judgment takes place. Indeed, it's the accomplishment of His great purpose that allows the third and eternal age to be ushered in and New Jerusalem to come down from God out of heaven to this earth. So you might call the accomplishment of His great purpose the "trigger" that allows the third and eternal world age to come into being.

But to fully understand what our Father's great purpose is, we must go all of the way back to Satan's rebellion in the first world age, and examine what was taking place at that time. So please bear with me for just a little while, as we examine what was taking place *in heaven* at the end of the first world age...how it spilled over into this second world age in which we now dwell in flesh bodies...how it directly affects us even to this very day...and finally, how it all ends with the accomplishment of His great purpose.

I promise you this, by the time you finish this Bible study, you'll thoroughly understand our Father's great purpose on this earth, in full context with His great plan to save His children from Satan's deceptive grasp. With that in mind, let's get started in our Father's Word...

The Great Red Dragon and the Bringing Forth of Messiah

God's great purpose on this earth centers on the one known to us in the New Testament Scriptures as the "great red dragon." He is, of course, our old adversary, Satan. The Scriptures tell us that in the first world age, this great red dragon sought to destroy the saving office of the Messiah of God as it was being brought forth, with the goal of preventing God's rebellious children from being saved. Let's take a look at what happened:

Rev 12:1 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:

The event you're reading about took place *in heaven*, not on earth. But what was a woman doing in heaven? Since there's no gender in heaven (Matthew 22:30) this is quite unusual, and very important to understand. The angels are called the "sons of God" throughout the Bible. So you have to look at the above verse with *spiritual* eyes, and not flesh eyes, in order to fully grasp who this "woman" is.

In the Scriptures, the Spirit of God – also known as Wisdom – is referred to as a "she." As it is written in Proverbs 7:4, "*Say unto wisdom, Thou art my sister; and call understanding thy kinswoman.*" So the Wisdom of God is always a decidedly *feminine* characteristic, spiritually and Biblically speaking.

As it is written again, in Proverbs 8:1-4, "*Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice? She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths. She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors. Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man.*"

Yes, it is through this Wisdom that our heavenly Father speaks to us, and leads, guides and directs us. And it is this Wisdom through which God's very creation took place. As it is written again, in Psalms 136:3-5, "*O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy endureth for ever. To him who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy endureth for ever. To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy endureth for ever.*"

In short, and spiritually speaking, the Wisdom of God is a decidedly *feminine* characteristic. And since God used His Wisdom to create all things and bring them forth, Wisdom is, in a strictly spiritual sense, our *mother*. We were "birthed," or brought forth, through her.

Perhaps that's why women are so often much closer to God than men, making sure the family goes to church, reads the Bible, understands the commandments, and follows Jesus. Women tend to relate to God's Wisdom – sometimes more than men -- because they too play a central

role as creators on this earth through child-bearing. And they too play a central role as teachers and role models to “the sons of man.”

Though it was a woman who initially brought sin into this world through the seduction in the garden, it is also women who, through childbirth, *make salvation possible* (I Timothy 2:15), for you must pass through this flesh earth age born of woman (John 3:4) in order to be saved. Now I know this is a bit deep for many, and there will be a lot of guys, in particular, reading this study who will say, “Well, Steve, this is where you’ve lost me.” But it is indeed your heavenly Father’s Word. And all I can ask you to do is meditate on it awhile, in light of that Word.

As it is further written regarding Wisdom in the great book of Proverbs, “*I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment: That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures*” (Proverbs 8:20-21).

Yes, the Wisdom of God leads, directs and guides us, filling the treasuries of our minds with the truth of God’s Word. Without that Wisdom, God’s Word cannot be understood in its fullness. Therefore, Wisdom is intimately tied to both God’s Word, and to His Holy Spirit of Truth. It’s an integral part of both. Indeed, it is through the Word of God and the Holy Spirit that this Wisdom – this leading, guiding, nurturing feminine characteristic of God, if you will -- is gradually imparted to us. And in the process, we become the *bride of Christ*, spiritually speaking -- but only *if* we stick with Wisdom and do not stray from it.

So although we are all “sons of God” in heaven, spiritually speaking we *also* have a decidedly feminine characteristic, through the Wisdom granted to us as we absorb God’s Word into our minds and spirits, and put this Wisdom of God into practice in our daily lives. In a nutshell, this Wisdom is the creative force, guiding force *and* nurturing force of God, which we in turn partake of as we become *one with God through Christ*, the Living Word of God. This is not New Age hooey. This is our heavenly Father’s Word.

The Scripture further states regarding Wisdom, in Proverbs 8:22-30:

“The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water.

Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth: While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.

When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth: When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep: When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:

Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him; Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men.”

In a strictly spiritual sense – and I emphasize again, *strictly spiritual*, so please don't think in the flesh here – Wisdom is the consort, or close companion, of our heavenly Father. In short, Wisdom has been with God since the very beginning. And through His Word, God even imparts that Wisdom to His children, as well...*if they'll accept it.*

In the above verses, in the original Hebrew language, the phrase “as one brought up with Him” means “as a skilled architect.” In other words, you could call Wisdom – the great and eternal feminine characteristic of God -- the *creative or productive force* of God. It is that part of His Word that brings forth His will, which is to save His children (John 6:40; II Peter 3:9).

Indeed, all things were brought forth through this Wisdom, and it is this Wisdom that nurtures and cares for the children of God, as well. As we see in the verses from Proverbs chapter 8 above, Wisdom delights over God's children much as a mother delights over her own children, drawing us closer and closer to our heavenly Father through knowledge of His Word, *if we pursue and utilize it.*

It is this Wisdom, “clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars,” which constitutes the “great wonder in heaven” in Revelation 12:1 above. But what was she doing? Let's take a look...

Rev 12:2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

Again, the “she” in this verse is Wisdom. But how could she be pregnant? After all, there's no sex in heaven. So again, this must be understood *spiritually*, and not with base flesh understanding. So don't go off into Jewish mysticism on me, thinking I'm talking about sex between the so-called “gods.” I'm not. Not in the least.

This verse describes the bringing forth of the *office* of the Messiah, through Wisdom, in order to help lead the wayward sons of God back into submission to God's family household and its rules so they can inherit the subsequent benefits thereof *eternally*.

Clearly, something must have been going on in heaven at that point in time in the first world age, in order to make this “birth” of the office of the Messiah necessary. What could it have been? Let's see...

Rev 12:3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

Verse 9 of this same chapter tells us this “great red dragon” is the devil himself. He's not actually a dragon, of course. Once again, we're reading a euphemistic description. Satan is portrayed as a winged serpent, or “dragon,” based on his wicked character and his deceptive capabilities as the “prince of the power of the air” (Ephesians 2:2).

In reality, Satan is one of God's most beautiful and powerful children. But as we shall see later in this study, he went bad due to excessive pride. And he was given the title “great red dragon”

as a moniker of degradation and as a warning to us all of his treacherous ways and methodologies.

But there's more to learn from this analogy: A dragon is composed of three parts; the *head*, the *body* and the *tail*.

- Satan himself is the head of the dragon.
- The body of the dragon is composed of his followers, that one-third of God's children he so thoroughly deceived in the first world age that they rejected God and his family household and joined with the dragon in his counterfeit kingdom. In a sense, you could call this "body" *the many-membered body of Satan*, considering the fact that he loves to imitate our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Who of course, has His own many-membered body of the elect. But Satan is a sheep stealer, so to speak. He can't create anything on his own. So he works to steal for himself that which has already been created by God, including God's children. (We'll see exactly *why* he works so relentlessly to deceive God's children into following him, later in this study; the answer just *might* surprise you.)
- And the tail of the dragon, which we'll read about in the very next verse, is composed of the four hidden dynasties of *politics, economics, education* and *religion* (PEER), which Satan controlled in that first world age through his many-membered "body." These are the four basic dynasties *all* kingdoms are founded upon. And in the first world age, Satan had been put in charge of those four dynasties by our heavenly Father (see Ezekiel 28:1-19), before he went bad and rejected Father's kingdom and His eternal family household and its rules.

Finally, the "seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads" represent the overall worldwide power structure Satan used in the first world age, in order to institute his version of one-worldism with himself at its head. In other words, it's the overall *counterfeit religio-political system* Satan set in place in the first world age, in an attempt to draw as many of God's children to himself as possible. It's the heavenly version of "Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth" which Satan will once again install on this earth when he arrives in the final days of this flesh earth age (Revelation 17:5).

Rev 12:4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

The "stars of heaven" mentioned in the above verse represent by analogy God's heavenly children, the angels (i.e., Revelation 1:20; Job 38:7). Before God intervened, Satan was able to draw a full one-third of God's children away from God's eternal family household, at which time he lured them into joining his counterfeit religio-political kingdom represented by the "seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads," and founded upon the four hidden dynasties of politics, economics, education and religion.

Satan used this “tail” – which is to say, his control over the four hidden dynasties -- to deceive and draw to himself a full one-third of God’s children, placing many of them in charge of offices within those four dynasties as they divorced God’s Word of truth, left our Father’s eternal family household, and willfully apostatized into Satan’s camp.

What does it mean in the above verse, where it says that “the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born”?

It simply means in that first world age, Satan and his followers did everything they could to derail and even destroy the bringing forth of the office of the Messiah, which would have been the unifying force to provide the mercy and grace necessary to bring God’s wayward children back into God’s eternal family household in good graces. God had been willing at that time to bring forth the office of the Messiah in order to save His wayward children. But the very children *needing that salvation the most* joined with Satan in order to destroy that office as it was about to be “birthed” through the Wisdom of God. (The same thing has happened again in this flesh age, beloved, when our heavenly Father finally allowed that office of the Messiah to be “birthed.” All we see here in this flesh age is a repeat of what happened in that first world age.)

Keep firmly in mind that Satan is the head of the dragon, his followers are the body, and the tail is their organizational power structure. So it was not just Satan who attempted to derail and destroy the bringing forth of the office of the Messiah. It was *the dragon*, which as we’ve seen includes Satan himself at the head, his “many-membered body,” so to speak, and his great “tail,” which again, is his control over the hidden dynasties of politics, economics, education and religion. As we’ll see later in this study, Satan does some of his most insidious work *through other people* who he places into positions of power and authority within the organizational hierarchy of his counterfeit kingdom.

Satan failed at that time, when our heavenly Father simply postponed the bringing forth of the office of the Messiah through Wisdom, and chose instead to destroy Satan’s counterfeit kingdom (see Jeremiah 4:23-28), *along with the entire first world age we then lived in*. Our heavenly Father then ushered in this second world age, in order to send His children through the flesh one time only to choose between Satan or that saving office of the Messiah which would finally be “birthed” here.

Why did our heavenly Father postpone the “birthing” of the office of the Messiah in the first world age? Because if He’d have brought it forth at that time, with one-third of His children working alongside Satan to destroy that office “as soon as it was born,” He’d have had to destroy all of those wayward children on the spot. But like any good parent, God loves *all* of His children and seeks to save them. So He destroyed Satan’s counterfeit kingdom instead, and the entire first world age along with it. And then He instituted this often painful and strenuous flesh earth age through which we must all pass.

If you have trouble understanding this, think of Adam and Eve’s fall from the Garden of Eden as an analogy. In the garden, they had lived an idyllic life in perfect peace and harmony with God’s lush nature around them, and God Himself in their presence (Genesis 2:9). When they disobeyed God’s direct orders and chose to partake of the forbidden fruit, God had two choices:

One, He could have killed them on the spot for breaking the only rule He had laid down as an absolute necessity for enjoying such a tranquil and idyllic existence, with God Himself in their very midst. The single rule God laid down was to refrain from partaking of the forbidden fruit, *or suffer death as a consequence* (Genesis 3:3). But Adam and Eve willfully disobeyed. And rather than killing them on the spot and bringing their souls home for the final judgment, our heavenly Father chose Plan B, which is to say, He cast them out of the Garden of Eden and into the cold, hard world where they would experience hardship and privation, and eventually suffer flesh death.

Our Father's hope was that through personal experience with hardship, privation and flesh death, they – like the Prodigal Son of Christ's later parable – would finally come to realize *there's no place like home*. In other words, there's no place like our heavenly Father's "garden," which is to say, His eternal family household where all of our needs are taken care of, and there's no pain, no privation, no tears, no hardship, no suffering and no lack for anything. So Adam and Eve were sentenced by our heavenly Father to live in hardship and privation, and ultimately die a natural death in the flesh, just as we all do, in order to learn the lesson that sin, *unatoned for*, leads to estrangement from our heavenly Father, which in turn ultimately leads to death.

It was no different in the first world age. Spiritually speaking, a full one-third of God's children willfully partook of the forbidden fruit and became part of Satan's counterfeit kingdom. And then they were cast out into this flesh earth age, one soul at a time, to experience privation, suffering and eventually flesh death. This flesh age is just a repeat of what happened in the first world age, with the hope that *this time* we'll learn the difficult but very necessary lesson our heavenly Father is trying so hard and so patiently to impart to us (II Peter 3:9), so we can be saved through that office of Messiah He finally "birthed" through Wisdom on behalf of His wayward children.

It's important to understand at this point that in order to kill a serpent – even a winged serpent like that great red dragon -- you have to cut off its head. Cutting off the tail or even stomping on the body won't kill the serpent. It may injure the serpent, but it won't kill it. That's why, in Genesis 3:15, in the very first prophesy in the Bible, which was given by our heavenly Father Himself, we learn that Christ will ultimately crush Satan's head at the end of this second world age, but that *first*, Satan would crush Christ's heel. That is to say, Satan would see to it that Christ was nailed to that cross on Calvary.

So while we as Christians must fervently contend, in large part, with the "body" of the dragon and its "tail" on this earth (being largely composed of the Kenites and their followers), the "head" has not yet arrived. Satan is here *in spirit only* (Ephesians 2:2; II Thessalonians 2:7). But once Satan, in his role as that "head" of the dragon, the counterfeit messiah, arrives to this earth in the very near future, it will be Christ Jesus Himself who will crush him (so to speak) at the end of the millennium teaching period, when the great white throne judgment of Revelation 20:11-15 takes place.

To sum up what we've learned so far, in first world age Satan in the role of that great red dragon used his "tail," which is to say, his organizational control over the four hidden dynasties, to

overthrow a full one-third of God's children and draw them away from God's eternal family household to himself and into his counterfeit kingdom. What's more, we know from Christ's parable of the seed sower in Matthew 13:1-23 that the other two-thirds of God's children – with the exception of His faithful elect -- sat indifferently on the sidelines waiting to see who would win rather than standing firmly and faithfully with our heavenly Father. They were too self-absorbed to care about anything else but themselves. The war in heaven was merely entertainment for them – drama – which is little different than things are today here on this old earth where that great spiritual war still rages.

The verse above tells us Satan “cast them to the earth,” meaning each one of God's children must now come through this flesh age *one time only*, thanks to that original rebellion in heaven, which is the true “original sin.” Because of that “original sin” each soul must come through the flesh -- being born of woman and largely innocent of knowledge of that first world age -- in order to make up our minds whether to love Satan, or to love God through His great and saving office of the Messiah.

Even God's elect must come through this second world age, in the flesh, not so much because of sin, but to be a comfort to others...to hold up the plumb-line of truth for God's wayward children to see...to help edify the brethren in God's Word when they falter...and ultimately to carry forth the example set by Christ in standing firmly in God's Word against Satan's deception.

While here, all souls must also *experience flesh death* because our heavenly Father wants us to know through personal, first-hand experience what the penalty for following Satan is. You see, our heavenly Father decided that if His children wanted to flirt with death -- which is exactly what Satan represents (Hebrews 2:14) -- He was going to allow them to *experience* it firsthand. There was no death in that first world age. So each soul has had to come through this flesh age *one time only* and taste of death, so as to have no doubt whatsoever what kind of consequences are involved in following Satan and joining with his counterfeit kingdom.

God will not tolerate any of his children who put something before Him, and worship that something as “God.” He also will not tolerate indifference to His Word. But in the first world age, before the *katabole* (which is to say, before the overthrow of Satan and his counterfeit kingdom), many of God's wayward children were putting Satan before God and worshipping him as “God.” And the remainder of His children – with the exception of His tiny and thoroughly faithful elect remnant -- were simply too self-absorbed to care about God and His Word.

It's also important to note that God will not tolerate anyone messing around with His great plan of salvation through the office of the Messiah. That's why He destroyed Satan's system in the first world age, along with the entire age, directly after Satan, in his role as the great red dragon, used his “head,” “body” and his “tail” to prevent the bringing forth of the unifying and saving office of the Messiah. And it's why our heavenly Father will destroy this *second* world age, as well, after Satan's final deception (i.e., Revelation 20:7-8) which is followed by the institution of the great white throne judgment.

Rev 12:5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

In the above verse we now switch exclusively to this second world age during which our heavenly Father finally *did* bring forth the office of the Messiah through the Blessed Virgin Mary – who in this sense represents the perfectly innocent and always nurturing Wisdom of God.

So the office of the Messiah did *not* appear in the first world age. It was postponed until *this* second world age through which we must all come in the flesh. In other words, the full Godhead – the Trinity of God, consisting of the Father, the Son (i.e., Messiah) and the Holy Spirit -- was never fully “birthed,” or allowed to come fully into being in that first world age. While it’s true that God, His Word, and His Holy Spirit were indeed there in the first world age, the office of the Messiah – the Son of God -- was held in abeyance, until this second world age was ushered in when “the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.” It was the office of the Messiah of God that brought the Godhead into full fruition.

You might remember from your studies that after the birth of the office of the Messiah in this flesh age, Satan influenced Herod to kill all children three years old and under, in an attempt to eradicate the innocent Christ child and derail God’s great plan to save His children. Later, it was through Satan’s children the Kenites that Satan sought once more to eradicate the office of the Messiah, through the crucifixion of Christ. But after being nailed to that cross at Calvary, Christ rose from the dead, once again defeating Satan and his attempt to derail God’s great plan to save His wayward and fallen children.

So we see in the above verses from Revelation chapter 12 that in heaven, in the first world age, the great red dragon worked to destroy the office of the Messiah even as it was being “birthed,” and God postponed that office from being brought forth until this second world age. And in this second world age Satan diligently continued to work to eradicate that office, first by trying to prevent it from coming into being, and secondly by trying to destroy Christ Himself on that cross at Calvary. And now, our old adversary operates through his children the Kenites to prevent God’s children from being saved through that office of the Messiah. How? By corrupting them both *physically* and *spiritually*, through both overt and covert deception, leading them away from that saving office to a counterfeit office we know as the office of the false Christ, aka the antichrist.

Let’s take a quick look at the great book of Jude, where we can see how Satan now operates – often clandestinely -- through his children the Kenites in order to lead God’s wayward children further astray in hopes of eliminating any chance of their salvation through the office of the Messiah of God:

Satan’s Method of Operation

To understand how Satan sought to prevent the office of the Messiah from being brought forth, both in the first world age and this second world age, and how he continues to work to derail God’s great plan to save His children, you have to understand his method of operation. Let’s take a quick look at it, through the eyes of St. Jude:

Jud 1:1 Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called:

Here, St. Jude, Christ's half-brother through Mary and Joseph, directs his teaching to those who have been sanctified, preserved and called in Christ Jesus. In other words, he directs this epistle to God's elect, who are composed of all true Christians with eyes to see the truth and ears to hear it.

Jud 1:2 Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.

God's mercy, peace and love is multiplied to us all, through the Wisdom of God as it brings His precious Word alive with meaning for us.

Jud 1:3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

St. Jude says he eagerly sought to write an epistle about our shared salvation through Christ, but saw instead that it was more important to write a strong exhortation about the profound necessity and ongoing Christian duty of earnestly contending "for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

The word "contend" in this verse is translated from the Greek word *epagonizomai* (i.e., Strong's G-1864), and it means "to struggle for" or "to fight for." It's from the root word *agonizomai* (i.e., Strong's G-75), which means to compete, as if fighting for a prize *against an adversary who wants it for himself*. We get our English word "agonize" from this word, implying the profound fervor and intensity that must of necessity be behind our struggle on behalf of "the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

In short, St. Jude was reminding Christians that we're not here just to look pretty. We're here to proactively take names and kick dragon. We're here to call a spade a spade. We're here to set the record straight, through the truth of God's Word. We're here to hold up the plumb-line of truth from God's Word, so others can know the truth when they hear it, as well. We're here to take up our crosses, and follow Him. And all of the way to the end, we're here to *take spiritual ground* on Christ's behalf, and not to give up that ground for any reason whatsoever.

The word "faith" in the above verse is also important to understand in its fullness. It's translated from the Greek word *pistis* (see Strong's G-4102), meaning "a firm conviction to the truth." This is not mere faith, in the sense of common belief, but instead, it means an *unwavering certitude* that God's Word is true. We're to use our unwavering certitude in the truth of God's Word to contend against those who would attempt to deny it or replace it with some other doctrine.

St. Jude was clearly *not* one of those preachers who thinks his duty to the church is little more than to preach the salvation message over and over and over again every Sunday, for years on end, to pews full of already saved Christians.

Once saved, we're to learn God's Word to the most exacting certitude we can in this flesh, and then *fight for it* against those who would attempt to overthrow it. As Christians, we're God's front-line spiritual troops on this earth. Don't take me wrong; I'm speaking *spiritually* here, and not physically. Except in necessary physical warfare, we're not to engage our spiritual enemies with fisticuffs, knives, guns, or bombs, but instead, with the Sword of the Lord, which is His Word, and with the Gospel Armor firmly on, and in place (Ephesians 6:10-18).

Unfortunately, all too many Christians refuse to stand up and fight for God's Word in these final days of this flesh earth age. They give up ground as the churches institute "interfaith religion"... they cave in to the world's demands for sodomite marriages right in the churches...they allow sodomite preachers behind the pulpit...they allow sodomite-loving judges and government officials to force Christians to violate their own consciences...and they sit back and watch without taking action as our precious children are being robbed of their innocence in the public schools as "gay culture" and "religious diversity" and other abominations are forced upon them.

Instead of witnessing the triumph of Christianity, we are now witnessing its downfall – and all because Christians are too afraid to obey God's Word in Jude 1:3 above and take a firm, decisive and unrelenting stand against the perversion and apostasy that's now so rampant.

Now we come to our reason for taking this quick but hopefully insightful look at the great book of Jude, where we'll see precisely our old adversary is ushering this apostasy in with such great success:

Jud 1:4 For there are **certain men crept in unawares**, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

It's important to understand that the word "ordained" in this verse is translated from the Greek word *prographo* (i.e., Strong's G-4270), which means "designated beforehand," or in the judicial sense, "*previously sentenced*." And the word "condemnation" is translated from the Greek word *krima* (i.e., Strong's G-2917), meaning a judicial decision, or judgment. These men were previously sentenced by God to this judgment.

So when St. Jude tells us they were "before of old ordained to this condemnation," he's saying that in the first world age God sentenced them to come through the flesh as *infiltrators*, which is to say, as those "certain men crept in unawares."

Here, St. Jude speaks of the Kenites, meaning the children of Cain who have "crept in unawares" (i.e., infiltrated) among God's children, largely by pretending to be Jews. It is these infiltrators whose consistent blasphemy against Christ we are warned of by our Lord and Savior in both Revelation 2:9 and Revelation 3:9, where He states with great clarity, "*I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan*," and "*Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee*." If this

subject is new to you, see the Bible study [Christ's Enemies](#), for a thorough explanation of the infiltration of God's children by these quite literal children of Satan.

In a nutshell, Jude 1:4 above verse takes us all of the way back to the Genesis chapter 3, where the seduction of Eve in the garden, by the serpent, is described in great detail. It was from this seduction that Cain the first murderer was born, ushering in a long family line of ungodly individuals on this earth who are at constant enmity with Christ and with Christianity (i.e., Genesis 3:15).

In the first world age (i.e., see the phrase "before of old" in the above verse) these "ungodly men" were Satan's front line troops who worked to undermine the love of God's children for their heavenly Father, and led many of them directly into Satan's counterfeit kingdom. And because of that egregious assault against God and His eternal family household, when these wicked souls come through *this flesh age* they're placed into the bodies of that ungodly lineage that began with Satan's seduction of mother Eve in the garden.

In short, in the first world age these wicked souls helped Satan lead astray one-third of God's children. So in this flesh age those very same souls are placed into the flesh bodies of Satan's children the Kenites. And why? *It's because that's exactly what they deserve* due to their spiritual assault against God and His family household in the previous world age. They've been "before of old ordained," which is to say, *sentenced previously*, to this ignoble fate.

And what do these wicked and ungodly infiltrators do once they slither in among us? As Christ tells us in John 8:44, they accomplish the lusts of their father the devil. In other words, they do exactly what they did in the first world age under Satan's command and influence, i.e., they work to turn "the grace of our God into lasciviousness" (i.e., shamelessness). And how? For example, by bringing so-called "gay marriage" right into the churches, including the ordination of "gay" preachers. Or by ushering about "interfaith religion," which is simply a bastardized form of religion anathema to true Christianity.

What's more, as a matter of religious doctrine they "deny the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ." In other words, in their own religion of Judaism they place their father the devil as "God," and reject our heavenly Father and His Christ. And as they infiltrate the Christian churches they bring in heretical doctrines and empty religious traditions of man that mislead and misdirect Christians away from the saving arms of Jesus Christ, substituting their own father the devil (in his role as the false Christ) in place of our Lord and Savior and His Gospel truth.

Indeed, empty religious traditions such as "Jesus can come at any moment now" are now taught so pervasively in the churches, most Christians when they pray don't even realize they're being led to pray to the antichrist (who comes to this earth first, in imitation of Jesus) rather than to the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who comes afterwards (II Thessalonians 2:1-4).

Jud 1:5 I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.

Here, St. Jude says that with all of the above in mind, he'd like to give Christians a little Bible history lesson – a lesson that God's children once knew but had apparently forgotten (just as they have once again, *today*) due to the growing undercurrent of seductive influence from the wicked infiltrators among them.

St. Jude starts by reminding us that God most certainly saves with a mighty hand, as in the example of leading His People out of Egyptian captivity. But if, after being saved, God's children fall away from the love of the truth to empty religious traditions, He'll not hesitate to destroy their flesh bodies and bring them home to Him to await judgment. Why? Because He doesn't want their wickedness and unfaithfulness to contaminate future generations. He wants us to understand there's a very *serious* penalty to pay for infidelity, ungratefulness and lack of a firm commitment to His Word of truth.

Keep firmly in mind that this little history lesson St. Jude is giving us reveals Satan's method of operation. In other words, Satan often works through *people* to accomplish his ungodly goals. And God simply will not long put up with people who reject His Word and do Satan's bidding instead.

Jud 1:6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

Now St. Jude takes us back to Genesis chapter six, where you'll find the account of the fallen angels who came to this earth against God's command. They left their heavenly abodes in order to take wives of the daughters of Adam with the intention of corrupting the very bloodline through which the Messiah was to come.

These angels, called *nephilim*, or "fallen ones" in the Hebrew, mated with the daughters of Adam, producing human/angel hybrids that were of giant stature, wicked character and corrupt nature. And even though these hybrids were of the Adamic bloodline, God in His great wrath destroyed them with the flood of Noah, and placed the fallen angels into "everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day," meaning He placed their very souls under a divine ban, destined to die in *an instant* at Christ's Second Advent (Revelation 11:13).

Here St. Jude is telling us once again that the penalty for working to undermine God's plan to save His wayward children is destruction and death, just as the hybrid descendents of Adam were wiped out in the flood, and the fallen angels who produced them have been locked up and sentenced to die at Christ's Second Advent.

Jud 1:7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak **Jud 1:8** evil of dignities.

St. Jude reveals that the wicked ones of this earth who have infiltrated God's children are going to meet their inglorious ends in the same manner as the filthy perverts of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Yes, short of sincere repentance during the millennium teaching period, they're going to suffer "the vengeance of eternal fire" along with their father the devil. And so are any who choose to reject God's Messiah – the Living Word -- and work against Him by following in the footsteps of these filthy dreamers who dream of a world without our heavenly Father's dominion.

Indeed, these wicked souls despise God's dominion as well as His blessings on those who love and faithfully follow Him. And they speak evil of God's glorious handiwork in bringing the office of the Messiah into this world.

As a result, they work day and night to defile (i.e., contaminate, corrupt) God's children with physical and spiritual perversion and with every form of sinfulness against God, just as the fallen angels and their progeny did in Genesis chapter six, at which time our heavenly Father Himself looked down upon the earth from heavens above and saw that "*the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*"

As it was then, so it is again. And so the wrath of God will once more be unleashed against the ungodly, at Christ's Second Advent.

The goal of Satan and his children, of course, is to defeat God's plan of salvation by so thoroughly defiling God's children, both spiritually and physically, that God would ultimately be forced to follow His own Law and kill His own children in the lake of fire, just as He had to kill so many of the spiritually and physically corrupted descendants of Adam and Eve in flood of Noah.

As it is written in Genesis 6:6-7, "*And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.*"

Satan once more wants to place God in that very same position. He wants to force God to have to destroy His own children, rather than to save them.

He tried in the first world age, when he drew one-third of God's children away from God and His eternal family household and then made preparations to prevent the birth of the office of Messiah that could have saved them.

He tried again in this second world age when he seduced mother Eve in an attempt to corrupt the lineage that was destined to bring forth Messiah and substitute his own version of the "Christ child" (i.e., Cain) in place of the true Christ. (See the Bible study "[Two Virgins](#)" if you do not understand this).

And he tried even *again* in Genesis chapter 6, when he sent his fallen angels to further corrupt the Adamic bloodline and introduce every form of ungodliness possible to God's children.

What's more, he'll try to do so once *again*, in the final days of this flesh earth age, when he's booted out of heaven onto this earth with his fallen angels to play the role of the counterfeit messiah and in the process "deceive the whole world" into worshipping him as "God" (Revelation 12:7-9).

But thank God for His Word in Genesis 6:8, which reads, "*But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.*" Within that verse you find salvation, for God's faithful elect are representative of the family of Noah. The true body of Christ – of which you'd better be a part of -- is that family of perfect *spiritual* pedigree in Christ, uncorrupted by the vain traditions of man disguised as "religion," just as Noah's family was of perfect *flesh* pedigree, uncorrupted by Satan, his fallen angels and their hybrid progeny.

And never forget that Christ Jesus Himself is our protective "ark" of the end days, keeping us safe from the deception to come and from the fiery wrath to follow -- but only *if* we remain firmly rooted in His Word in these final days of rampant deception and rapidly unfolding apostasy.

As Christ Himself stated in Matthew 24:37-39 of that soon-to-come time when Satan will be booted out of heaven and onto this earth to deceive the whole world, "*But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*"

In other words, just as the fallen angels once came to this earth, as described in Genesis chapter six, and took the daughters of Adam and Eve to wife in a false kingdom wedding, creating *physical angel/human hybrids* in the process with the purpose of corrupting that holy bloodline through which they knew the office of the Messiah was to be birthed, so in the final days of this flesh earth age will Satan and his fallen angels return once more.

Only this time they want to take unwitting Christians to wife in a *spiritual* marriage via the counterfeit "kingdom wedding" they'll once again usher in. And why would Satan attempt this? Because he wants Christians to be so tightly united in a spiritual marriage with him and his fallen angels that God will be forced to destroy *His own Christian followers* in the lake of fire, just as He was forced to destroy the corrupted hybrid descendants of Adam and Eve in the flood (with the exception of Noah and his family, of course, whose pedigree had remained pure).

At the time of Satan's deception in the final days of this flesh earth age, unwitting Christians will become, in essence, *spiritual hybrids*, which is to say, men and women who profess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, but who, in reality, are so steeped in Satan's deception that they unwittingly end up worshipping the very *enemy* of Christ, believing He *is* Christ.

You see, thanks in large part to the work of the infiltrators among our Christian brethren, and the work of Christian preachers who unwittingly cling to these infiltrators rather than to God's

Word, most Christians are *this very day* quite ready to embrace the first supernatural being who sets foot on this earth proclaiming himself to be God (II Thessalonians 2:4).

Unfortunately for these easily deceived Christians, you can't mix light with darkness (II Corinthians 6:14-18) and expect Christ to accept you as one of His own when He arrives after Satan's great deception to throw His adversary into the pit and to rule and reign for 1,000 years with a rod of iron.

Instead, as it's written in Matthew 7:22-23, these naïve and deceived Christians will be rejected: *"Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."*

Put simply, while God's plan is to save His children, Satan's goal and method of operation is to defeat that plan of salvation by so deeply corrupting God's children – both physically and spiritually -- that God has to reject and destroy them rather than save them. And since forcing God to kill His own children is the *only* way Satan -- being already sentenced to death -- has left to hurt God, he directs his entire energies into *increasing the intensity of this physical and spiritual corruption*.

As I mentioned earlier, this is why, today, you see everything from so-called "gay marriage" being ushered into the Christian churches to the birth of "interfaith religion" representing a bastardized form of Christianity. Plus, you see blatantly false doctrines and empty religious traditions being taught straight from the pulpits as if they were "God's Word." But the wise do not participate in the spiritual corruption that's now being ushered at such a rapid pace into the very churches themselves by our old adversary the devil through his children.

And thankfully, our heavenly Father has set aside the millennium teaching period for just this reason, i.e., to teach and to discipline His deceived and wayward children so they can finally snap out of their spiritual stupors and understand the profound difference between that which is holy, and that which is profane (Ezekiel 44:23), and hopefully be disciplined enough to overcome Satan when he's released from the pit for that "little season" (Revelation 20:3) at the end of the millennium.

Though the Scripture says great multitudes will still follow Satan when he is "loosed out of his prison" at the end of the millennium and will be destroyed in the lake of fire (Revelation 20:7-15), the good news is that great multitudes will also be *saved* (i.e., Revelation 7:9-17), as we'll see at the end of this study.

So the moral of the story is this: Be wise in your Father's Word, and be ever on the alert, for already today the spiritual deception is so thick you could cut it with a knife. And it's only going to get worse in the days leading up to Satan's arrival in his role as the false Christ.

Satan already has most of the heathen world held tightly in his filthy and deceptive grip. All you need do is watch the nightly news to see this. Even the most religious of nations are now turning barbarous and treacherous.

But Satan wants the *Christian* world in his pocket, as well. And here's something very important to consider: Above all things, Satan wants to take down God's elect. As St. Peter once warned, in his first letter to the elect, "*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.*" (I Peter 5:8).

And as Christ Himself earnestly warned St. Peter when he and the other disciples argued amongst themselves over who would be the greatest in the kingdom of heaven, "*Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat*" (Luke 22:31). You see, Satan often seeks to use *his own character defects* of spiritual pride, ego, self-importance, self-righteousness and vainglory to seduce God's faithful servants into sinning.

And why did the Lord twice call Peter by his birth name in that verse, addressing him as "Simon, Simon"? It was because "Simon" means "hearing." And it's those with *ears to hear* – God's election – who Satan wishes to sift like wheat and scatter to the four winds. After all, he knows that if he doesn't take down God's elect, through spiritual deception, it's *their testimony through the Holy Spirit* (Luke 21:13-15; Mark 13:9-11) that will ultimately bring *him* down at the end of this flesh earth age. Satan's greatest pleasure would be to take away from God those chosen vessels that God has reserved for Himself as faithful servants.

But as Christ graciously stated to Peter, in Luke 22:32, "*...I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.*" In short, if you fall for Satan's ego trap, even for a moment, as Peter did, and as we *all* have from time-to-time in this flesh existence, repent and return to the right path. Then, work diligently to strengthen your fellow elect in His Word. Yes, ministering to your fellow servants in Christ is indeed part and parcel of your job as a Christian (Hebrew 6:10).

If it were not for Christ's direct and prayerful intervention on Peter's behalf, for example, Peter's little bout with spiritual pride could have been a very costly one, which is to say, it could have cost him his very soul. So remember that even as *you* are weak in the flesh from time to time, giving way to ego and spiritual pride, and requiring spiritual strength from Christ to snap out of it, so in like manner you should *work to strengthen your fellow servants in God's Word* as well. After all, they too are undergoing periodic (and sometimes quite fiery) trials by Satan, who wants to take them down and sift them like wheat so they cannot effectively stand against him during his great deception in the final days of this flesh age.

Our heavenly Father, through His Word, imparts to each and every one of us that nurturing feminine characteristic of Wisdom we examined earlier. And He gives us that Wisdom specifically so we can build up and spiritually nurture our Christian brethren in His Word, as His Wisdom nurtures us.

Always remember our heavenly Father's words to Satan in Genesis 3:15, after he seduced mother Eve in the garden. These words contain the very first prophesy in the entire Word of God, and they are God's words alone:

Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

God said He would put “enmity” (i.e., chronic spiritual warfare) between Satan and the woman, and between Satan’s seed (i.e., his children, the Kenites) and the woman’s seed, which is ultimately Christ and *all who faithfully serve Him*. While many are indeed called into Christianity, only a few are chosen to serve Him. And it is those few who Satan wants to sift like wheat. So you can count on some tribulation in this flesh life, even sometimes over and above the normal levels of tribulation everyone else experiences.

In other words, just as Satan has been in chronic spiritual warfare with the Wisdom of God ever since the first world age when he sought to stop Wisdom from bringing forth the office of the Messiah, likewise in this second world age does Satan battle against that very same office (i.e., Christ) *and those who serve under it* (i.e., His elect) who are imbued with that Wisdom from their intimate spiritual relationship with Word of God.

As it is further written in confirmation of the above, regarding that soon-coming time when Satan will be cast out of heaven to this earth by Michael the archangel:

Rev 12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to **make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.**

This isn’t talking about the churches, beloved. Very few of them “keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ” any longer. As one of God’s elect, *you’re* the “remnant of her seed,” because you seek after and embrace the Wisdom of God. So when Satan finally arrives to this earth from heaven, he’s coming after *you*. And *me*, as well. Let’s always remember to lift each other up in faith and in the truth of God’s Word, so our old adversary can never gain the upper hand.

We don’t want to end up being an embarrassment to our Lord and Savior, but instead, a royal thorn in Satan’s slimy side – spiritual warriors that never give him a moment of peace as he endeavors to defeat God’s great plan to save His children by bringing God’s children down to the pit with him.

Satan’s Death Sentence

This second world age is designed for Satan’s destruction and man’s salvation. But Satan was actually judged and sentenced to death in the first world age, after he led a full one-third of God’s children against our heavenly Father.

So before we finally take a look at God’s great *purpose* on this earth, let’s take a quick look at Satan’s judgment and death sentence, which is written of in Ezekiel chapter 28. Our heavenly Father is very specific about the sentence He’s pronounced upon Satan and the reason for it:

Eze 28:12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

We know from our studies in God's Word that Satan loves to imitate God. Here, we see his title from the world that was, i.e., "the king of Tyrus." And what does "Tyrus" mean? It's translated into English from the Hebrew word *tsor*, (Strong's H- 6865), meaning "a rock."

Christ Jesus, of course, is our Rock – which is to say, our solid foundation. And Christ is our King, as well. As St. Paul wrote in I Corinthians 10:4, speaking of the children of Israel in the wilderness, "*...for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.*"

But Satan has always wanted to play the role of Savior, even in the first world age, and even to the point of calling himself the King Rock. And he was pretty convincing too. As our heavenly Father Himself points out in the above verse, Satan "sealest up the sum," meaning when God created Satan, he made him the full pattern. A child of God could not have asked for more. Everything about him was perfection, in terms of the handcrafting that went into his very makeup.

What's more, our heavenly Father granted him extraordinary wisdom and beauty. He was what we might call today a well-favored child. But he was not born, as a human child is born. He was created by God in exquisite outward perfection.

Eze 28:13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.

For those that don't believe this passage is talking about Satan, here's your evidence otherwise. He's that one from the Garden of Eden. In the first world age, he even wore the priest's breastplate, with all of its precious stones and other accouterments.

Some scholars even say he was the chief musician of heaven (i.e., "the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes"). I find that interesting, considering the fact that today, his children the Kenites control the vast majority of the music industry and are chief among its many "stars."

Eze 28:14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

Yes, Satan was a cherub, a higher form of angel, if you will. And he was appointed by God to be the protecting cherub over the very mercy seat of God, along with Michael the archangel. This cherub we know as Satan walked as a trusted leader before the very altar of God in the midst of God's holy angels. But over time, something went wrong. Let's take a look:

Eze 28:15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

God gave Satan multitudes of blessings. He loved Him, as He loves all of His children. But you see, no matter how perfectly God crafts you, nor how gloriously He adorns you, nor how high He promotes you, your own love for God must be generated from *within*, not from without.

That's because our heavenly Father has given all of His children the *free will* to either love Him and honor Him, or disdain Him and dishonor Him. Satan, wanting the mercy seat – the very throne of God – for himself, chose to disdain and dishonor our heavenly Father. Satan loved only himself, and chose to follow his own perverse lusts rather than to follow God.

Indeed, the word “iniquity” in the above verse is translated into English from the Hebrew word *avel* (Strong's H-5766), meaning, essentially, “to deal unjustly, to be morally evil, perverse, unrighteous, wicked.” Satan was *not* created that way. These are *choices* he made, of his own free will. He knew better. But he chose the path of lawlessness and iniquity rather than the path of loving and faithful service to God Almighty who created him with such splendor.

Eze 28:16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

Here we see that Satan, in essence, implemented a world trade system in heaven. The first part of the above verse might be better translated, from the Hebrew, as follows, “By the abundance of your commerce (i.e., traffic in merchandise) thou hast filled thy midst with unjust gain, and hast led astray...”

In other words, in heaven, Satan, in his role as the king of Tyrus, used his great wisdom and beauty to institute a system designed to rip off God's children right and left, in order to enrich himself with great power and glory.

For those who know the Scriptures, this system undoubtedly included all four hidden dynasties of politics, economics, education and religion – the same four power centers he controls today through his children the Kenites, and will control personally when he arrives to this earth in imitation of Jesus Christ in the final days of this flesh earth age.

We see in the above verse God pronouncing the death sentence upon Satan for his treacherous and traitorous behavior against God's family household. Satan was sentenced to be cast out of the heights of the heavens at the end of this flesh earth age, and destroyed, never again to walk before the very altar of God. We'll take a look at his destruction shortly.

Eze 28:17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

What caused Satan to sin so willfully and so egregiously against our heavenly Father and His eternal family household? It was ego. Pride. Self-importance. Self-righteousness. Lack of repentance. And no love for God or anyone else but himself.

Can you see why our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, when asked what the greatest commandment of the law was, stated emphatically, “*Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself*” (Matthew 22:37-39)?

You see, Satan loved *only* himself. And his self-love caused him to despise God and His family household. As a result, he fomented confusion and rebellion among God’s family household. And our heavenly Father sentenced him to be cast out of the heavens and to this earth in the final days of this flesh earth age.

As described so clearly in Revelation 12:7-9, Satan will come to this earth to “deceive the whole world” into believing that he’s the true messiah when in reality he’s the fake; he’s a walking dead man, so to speak, hoping to take down as many of God’s children with him as he can, through deception, if you *allow* it.

I mentioned earlier in this study that Christians need to be wary of excessive pride, ego, self-importance and self-righteousness, because these character defects are tools Satan will use against you, to bring you down to his level.

And why would he do that? Because he knows our heavenly Father is *perfectly fair and just* in all of His dealings with His children. And if God sentenced Satan to death for willfully practicing those negative and ultimately destructive character traits, *He’d have to do the same to you*, as well, should you fall for Satan’s “tug” and become self-righteous and self-important, too.

In other words, if Satan can subtly goad you into excessive pride, ego, self-importance, self-righteousness and the sinfulness that always originates from these traits, then *his* demise becomes *your* demise, as well. And that’s *exactly* what he’s after.

That’s why, as we saw earlier in this study, Jesus told St. Peter that Satan sought to “sift him like wheat.” You’ll remember Christ said this directly after Peter had been arguing with the other disciples over who would be greater in the kingdom of heaven. The pride and ego involved in such an argument was decidedly *Satanic* in origin.

After all, as we can see in these verses from Ezekiel 28, it was *Satan* who thought he was the greatest in the kingdom of heaven, and in his mind, *still does*, which is why he holds so much resentment against God and His family household. Even our gifts and talents are from God, so they’re nothing to thump our chests about, since they were *bestowed* upon us. They’re merely there to be used in service to our heavenly Father, in the course of His great plan to save His children. And they’re to be put to use with great humility and thankfulness.

So always be on guard against the negative characteristics of pride, ego, self-importance and self-righteousness. There’s nothing wrong with being proud of your family, your children, your

spouse, or even your accomplishments in this flesh life. But remember that these things are ultimately blessings from God above, bestowed upon you for your faith and service. So first and foremost, if you have anything to be proud of, be even prouder of your heavenly Father for what *He does for you*. Unfortunately, indulging in excessive self-pride and ego has been the downfall of all too many Christians.

Always remember the account of king Nebuchadnezzar, who while walking through his great palace looked upon all of his riches and upon the glory of Babylon, and said, *“Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?”* (Daniel 4:30). Nebuchadnezzar, with great braggadocio, credited solely himself with all of his accomplishments, even though Jeremiah 27:6-8 tells us God had *given* Nebuchadnezzar the kingdom of Babylon and had placed all other nations of that region under the yoke of his rulership.

So in response to Nebuchadnezzar’s egotistical and self-righteous brag, a voice from heaven immediately replied, *“O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee. And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.”* (Daniel 4:31-32).

This is pretty much exactly what happened to Satan, as well, in the first world age. God had put much of the kingdom of heaven into his hands, expecting faithful service, gratitude and acknowledgment of the gift. But Satan, like Nebuchadnezzar, dismissed the gracious and mighty hand of God in his life, and took personal credit for it all. As a result, God sentenced him to be cast out of the heavenlies. And unlike Nebuchadnezzar, who eventually repented after suffering both the loss of his kingdom and severe personal degradation for seven years (yes, some people are *that* stubborn in their ego) Satan always has been, and remains, *non-repentant*.

As it is further written, *“And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation: And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?”* (Daniel 4:34-35)

Nebuchadnezzar regained his sanity and repented of his ego, pride, self-importance and self-righteousness. Satan had his chance to do the same, in the first world age. But his pride and ego would not allow it. Instead, he has steadfastly and wickedly maintained his goal of corrupting God’s children and taking them down with him to the very pits of hell, preventing their salvation through the office of the Messiah. And thus, our heavenly Father has sentenced him, appropriately, to *death*.

Continuing from where we left off in Ezekiel 28, we now see the specific details of the death sentence our heavenly Father has placed on this traitorous, self-important outcast known as Satan:

Eze 28:18 Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.

Yes, Satan had *sanctuaries* – places of worship where he liked to play “high priest.” But he turned those sanctuaries into dens of sin, trafficking in the souls of God’s children as he piled up riches for himself, not caring a whit that each soul he deceived was ultimately being robbed of *life itself* through estrangement from our heavenly Father.

So our heavenly Father pronounced upon him both the death sentence, and the method of execution: Satan will be destroyed *by fire* from within, and turned to ashes, right here on earth at the end of the millennium teaching period when the great white throne judgment takes place (Revelation 20:10-15). And it will happen in the sight of all of God’s children. We will all be witnesses. God even made this decree of destruction upon Satan a part of His will, stating “*I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.*” And so it will be.

Eze 28:19 All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.

Satan’s death will be alarming to many. And great numbers of God’s children will be astonished (i.e., stupefied) by it when it takes place at the end of this second world age. And why? Because they had unwittingly been wallowing at Satan’s feet, deceived into worshipping him as their savior when in reality he was a nothing more than a great big play actor bent on taking them down with him.

I want to repeat what I said earlier, at this point: Satan wants *his* demise to be *yours* as well. Don’t let him have his way with you. Don’t let him whisper in your ear and try to convince you that you’re something so special as to be untouchable. *None* of us are that special. In true humility and love for the Father, we’re blessed by the Father. But once spiritual pride and ego comes into play, it estranges us from the Father. And that delights Satan to no end, because it puts you squarely into the palms of his greasy hands.

So this is our heavenly Father’s judicial decree upon Satan for his unrepentant pride and sinfulness against God and His eternal family household. And because of this unrepentant pride and ego, his end will be an ignoble and inglorious one, indeed, as you’re about to see.

God’s Purpose

Now we finally come to the topic of this study, which is to say, God’s great *purpose* on this earth in the final days of this flesh age.

As you’re about to see, while God’s overall plan is to save His children (John 3:16; II Peter 3:9), a distinct part of that plan is known as His great purpose. And that purpose is to bring about the

destruction of Satan once and for all times. And until that great purpose is fulfilled at the end of the millennium teaching period, the eternity quite literally cannot be ushered in. As is written:

Isa 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

Lucifer is one of Satan's titles. It essentially means "light bearer," being translated into English from the Hebrew word *heylel* (Strong's H-1966), which is the ancient name for the morning star, Venus, because of its great brightness in the sky.

This word is derived, in turn, from the Hebrew root word *halal* (Strong's H-1984), meaning "to be clear," or "to shine," but also meaning "to make a show" or "to boast," or even to be "clamorously foolish." So you can see why God gave Satan this title. Satan imitates the true Morning Star, Jesus Christ (Revelation 22:16). And he's so wrapped up in making a show of his own brightness that he makes a fool of himself before God and anyone with a lick of true spiritual wisdom.

Unfortunately, in encounters with Satan's evil spirit, many Christians only sense the outer brightness, and never even remotely sense the inner darkness. And why? Often, it's because they're too wrapped up in their own inflated egos to see how they're being manipulated by this bright and shining one. They think they're being touched by the Holy Spirit of God. But in reality they're being seduced by the spirit of Satan himself into believing vain religious traditions that are set in place of God's Word.

I hope you can sense the profound emphasis our heavenly Father is trying to present in the above verse, regarding Satan's downfall. You've no doubt heard the phrase, "The bigger they are, the harder they fall." You might paraphrase that to "The bigger their egos are the harder and further they fall."

As the above verse states, that old imitator of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be cast out of heaven to this earth, to "weaken" (i.e., overthrow) the nations, and replace their fledgling one-world political system with his abominable and deceptive one-world system from the first world age, exactly as it's written in Revelation 12:7-9 and Revelation 13:1-6.

Isa 14:13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

Satan thinks he can keep the game going through his own self-will. In his heart, he lusts for God's very throne. As it's written in Revelation 13:6, "*And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.*"

What's more, he even seats himself in the temple of God, on Mount Zion in Jerusalem, claiming to be God. As it's written of this soon-coming event in II Thessalonians 2:3-4, "*Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day [i.e., the day of the Lord] shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth*

and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

Isa 14:14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

As you can see, he's egregiously steeped in self-will. When he arrives to this earth after being booted out of heaven by Michael the archangel, Satan will exalt himself to high heaven in the eyes of the nations. And with the exception of God's elect, the people of this earth will buy into it both hand and mind (Revelation 13:16), clamoring to serve him.

Even the vast majority of all *Christians* will buy into it, because they've been deceived by the rapture preachers into believing that "Jesus can come at any moment now," when instead the Scriptures are very clear that our Lord and Savior's Second Advent cannot take place until *after* Satan arrives to this earth in his role as the false Christ.

So Christians have *already been set up* to heartily embrace the first miracle-working supernatural being who comes to this earth claiming to be their Lord and Savior. The only problem is, he's the fake, hoping to deceive them so thoroughly that he ultimately brings them down to the pits of hell, with himself.

Isa 14:15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

As it's written, so it shall be. Satan's self-will is no match for our heavenly Father and His great purpose. As we've seen in this study, our heavenly Father has already pronounced the death sentence upon this beautiful but deceptive cherub all of the way back in the first world age (Ezekiel 28:16-19). And that death sentence will indeed be carried out. But *before* that sentence is carried out, Satan will be tossed into what you might think of as a *holding pit* for 1,000 years at Christ's Second Advent, while the Lord Himself and His elect teach God's wayward children the full truth.

As it is written in Revelation 20:1-3, "*And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.*"

Yes, Satan will be loosed from that pit after God's wayward children have received 1,000 years of teaching from the Master Himself, and from His elect (Ezekiel 44:23-24). And anyone that follows Satan after 1,000 years of perfect teaching will indeed go into the lake of fire with him, to be destroyed forever, exactly as it's written in Revelation 20:7-15.

But while Satan is in that holding pit, bound in chains, and awaiting his final fate, the entire world will be able to see him for what he really is. As it is written:

Isa 14:16 They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;

Isa 14:17 That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?

The people of the world will be astonished at Satan's downfall. They'll peak at him, curiously, through the bars of the pit he's thrown into, wondering how such a mighty one could fall so low. But his fall is written in our heavenly Father's Word. And as it's written, so shall it come to pass.

Satan is, in reality, just a pawn in our heavenly Father's overall plan to save His children. Ultimately, he's being used by our heavenly Father to show the world how easily they can be duped into worshiping even the most spiritually grotesque of beings. Note I said *spiritually* grotesque. Physically, he's one of God's most beautiful creations. But thanks to his ego and pride, he's corrupt to his very soul. He's the rotten apple in the barrel that spreads it's rottenness to all of the other apples.

He loves to play "Jesus," but he can never save anyone. Instead, he spiritually *imprisons* God's children through deception. He comes claiming to bring unity. But what he really brings is estrangement from our heavenly Father, which is always followed by spiritual death.

Don't fall for his deception, beloved. It's already active today, even in the very Christian churches of this world. What's more, that old adversary of ours will be here very soon, in person. And as I've stated several times in this study, he wants *his* forthcoming demise to be *your* demise as well. But that can *only* happen if you fall for his stage play.

As it's written in Revelation 12:12, "*Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.*" He knows his demise is imminent, at that point. Nevertheless, he'll come as Brother Love's Travelling Salvation Show, so to speak, hoping to suck you into his trap with sweet-sounding words of deception, and take you down with him, just as he did to all too many of God's children in the first world age before his overthrow at God's hands.

All he really has to offer is a wagon ride straight into the pits of hell. Don't get on that wagon ride, beloved. Here's how it ends for him:

Isa 14:18 All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house.

Isa 14:19 But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcase trodden under feet.

This is a pronouncement of utter degradation. Generally speaking, even the worst of kings end up buried in glory, with beautiful sepulchers and ornate tombstones. But while Satan enjoyed

great glory during the course of his life, he will not be afforded *any* glory in death. Instead, he will suffer an ignoble and shameful death, fit only for the most egregiously wicked of souls.

Isa 14:20 Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, and slain thy people: the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned.

He won't be buried in honor with the kings of this earth, because he was God's most *dishonorable* son. What's more, many of his own children on this earth, meaning the Kenites (see [A Strange Thing: Mystery in the Garden](#), if you don't understand this) will suffer his inglorious fate as well, if they refuse to repent. Is God serious about this? Would He actually destroy Satan's children, as well? You'd better believe it. As it is further written:

Isa 14:21 Prepare slaughter for his children for the iniquity of their fathers; that they do not rise, nor possess the land, nor fill the face of the world with cities.

We're going to live on this old earth for a long time – actually, for the eternity -- after Christ cleanses it of Satan's stench, and sets up his heavenly kingdom here. After all, our heavenly Father has promised us a peaceful and joyous eternity, if we truly love and serve Him.

That's why no disrupters, no tumultuous ones, no rebels, no drama queens will be allowed. As it's written in I Corinthians 6:9-10, "*Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.*"

Satan's children the Kenites, and all who follow them or lust after their evil ways, will be destroyed. They will *not* be allowed into the eternity, because our Father has promised that He will not put us through this again. He only allowed it in this flesh earth age as a lesson for us to learn from. Call it tough love, if you will. And only those who learn from it, and get their acts straightened out in accord with God's Word, will enter into the kingdom of heaven, which is to say, into God's eternal family household.

Isa 14:22 For I will rise up against them, saith the LORD of hosts, and cut off from Babylon the name, and remnant, and son, and nephew, saith the LORD.

Short of repentance and humble acceptance of God's salvation in Christ, the children of Satan and all who follow their pernicious ways will be cut off. God rises up against them, and allows them to march headlong into the lake of fire with their father the devil.

Isa 14:23 I will also make it a possession for the bittern, and pools of water: and I will sweep it with the besom of destruction, saith the LORD of hosts.

Worldwide Babylon, the counterfeit kingdom that will be set up on this earth by Satan, his fallen angels and his children the Kenites in the final days of this flesh age, will be destroyed. And it will *never* be allowed to exist again.

Isa 14:24 The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and **as I have purposed, so shall it stand:**

Here's what we came for, beloved. It's written, and it cannot be reversed. This is the great *purpose* of our heavenly Father within the context of His great plan to save His wayward children. He's going to destroy both *the enemy and his children*, as well as their counterfeit kingdom, so we will never again have to deal with their rebellious, disruptive and thoroughly wicked ways.

Isa 14:25 That **I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot:** then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders.

The Assyrian is another one of Satan's titles. Here, our heavenly Father is likening the demise of Satan to the demise of the ancient Assyrian empire which had taken the northern 10 tribes of Israel into grueling physical captivity.

The Assyrian empire was eventually destroyed by the Medes as part of the judgment of God. They disappeared from history, never to rise or be seen again (see Assyria, *Smith's Bible Dictionary*).

In like manner, Satan too will be destroyed at the time of God's great white throne judgment of Revelation 20, never to rise or be seen again. And why? For taking God's children into such grueling *spiritual* captivity that he put their very souls at risk of hell fire.

Isa 14:26 This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations.

Satan's demise is indeed the great *purpose* of God Almighty, in context with His great plan to save His children. Satan will rule over the entire world for that short time he's here after being booted out of heaven at God's command by Michael the archangel. But his destruction is assured, and imminent at that point.

As it is written in Hebrews 2:14-15, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ came to this earth, not just to provide salvation and redemption for God's children, but to destroy Satan as well:

*“Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death **he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;** And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.”*

Christ came to set us free from the bondage of death, which bondage was ushered in by Satan himself in the first world age and will be obliterated when Satan and his followers are destroyed by fire at the end of the millennium teaching period.

That's our Father's great purpose upon the whole earth. He will cleanse it of Satan's stench before ushering in the third and eternal world age.

Isa 14:27 For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

I promise you, there's not an entity in the universe that can turn back the hand of God on this issue, or any other. He has *purposed* Satan's demise, and so it will come to pass.

Our heavenly Father's great purpose – the destruction of Satan and his unrepentant children, and any who choose to follow them – will be carried out after the great white throne judgment. So make sure you're not one who Satan has roped into going down with him. Learn your Father's Word. And cling to it with all of you might, for it's your lifeline to the eternity. And it's the Light that light's your way through the spiritual darkness of Satan's deception in the final days of this flesh age.

Beloved, there's none like His Living Word -- not now, nor will there ever be in the future. So make sure you're dwelling in His Word, wherein dwelleth the Wisdom of God as well. That Wisdom, which enters your very spirit when you study His Word in earnest sincerity and diligence, is your protection against the deception that will, unfortunately, bring down all too many of God's children who are not paying attention to His Word.

(And if I may throw in a personal comment at this point, arguing over the meaning of Bible verses on Facebook is not the equivalent of studying His Word. He wants to see your face in that book, searching it diligently for the truths revealed therein, through Wisdom.)

A Quick Look at Satan's Demise

We've now learned God's great purpose on this earth, which is to say, the destruction of Satan as well as any of his children who refuse to repent and follow Christ.

But before closing out this study, let's take a quick look at God's account of Satan's actual demise as it's described by St. John in Revelation chapter 20, and see what more we can learn from it. After all, bringing about Satan's demise *is* our Father's great purpose on this earth:

Rev 20:7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

After the 1,000 years of perfect teaching are over (i.e., the millennium teaching period that takes place beginning at Christ's Second Advent), God's wayward children will have their "final exam," so to speak.

They'll have seen Satan bound in the pit, lowly and despicable, without even a smidgeon of the aura of glory he always took unto himself. They'll have seen his utter lack of power before the face of Christ, at Christ's Second Advent. They'll know beyond any shadow of a doubt that he's not the Lord, but instead, just a cheap, failed imitation – a counterfeit that cannot save a single soul.

So if they follow him at that point, knowing what they know...having seen what they've seen...and having been taught with discipline by the Master Himself for 1,000 years...then they'll have *failed* that final exam. And they'll indeed go into the lake of fire with Satan, for our heavenly Father will not allow them into His eternal family household, knowing at this point that they're incorrigible rebels who live only for disruption.

Rev 20:8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

Yes, directly after the 1,000 years of perfect teaching are over, Satan will be allowed to “go out to deceive the nations.” And as hard to believe as it may seem, many of the world's people will choose to follow him into his final battle against Jesus Christ and His faithful servants, the elect, at Jerusalem.

Rev 20:9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

Satan and his incorrigible band of souls, sifted from among the nations of this world through deception, will surround Jerusalem where Christ and his faithful followers the saints will be dwelling at that time. But before Satan and His troops can so much as cross the borders, they will be destroyed by fire from God out of heaven. It will be over as quickly as it started.

Rev 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

God's great purpose on this earth will have been fulfilled at that point. The devil will be dead. So don't be fooled by the phrase “tormented day and night for ever and ever.” This is simply a euphemism, meaning Satan will *never exist again*. He cannot rise from the dead, once our heavenly Father fulfills His great purpose and destroys him. That's his torment. (See the study “[Tormented Forever and Ever](#)” if you don't understand this.)

Even *now*, the knowledge of his impending demise torments him, for he well knows the death sentence was pronounced upon him by God in Ezekiel chapter 28, as well as his method of execution. And he knows it will be carried out.

Satan will be turned to ashes from within, by fire, along with his offices of “the beast” and the “false prophet.” Yes, his unholy trinity, so to speak, will be destroyed. And he will *never* exist again.

You do remember God's judicial sentence pronounced upon Satan in Ezekiel 28:18-19, don't you? If not, here's a reminder: “...*therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that*

behold thee. All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.”

You can't torture ashes, beloved. Our heavenly Father is not a torturer, anyway. Satan's torture was brought on by himself. And it lay largely in his knowledge that once he's been destroyed by fire, he can *never* exist again. Not in heaven. Not on earth. Nowhere. He will be gone for good.

That's the great purpose that is purposed upon the face of the earth by our heavenly Father. And I say, praise God for it!

Rev 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

This is the great white throne judgment. Once this final judgment is over, this second world age will be over with as well (i.e., “the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them”).

The earth will be rejuvenated at that point, returned to its original pristine condition. New Jerusalem will then come down from God out of heaven (Revelation 21:2). And we'll move directly into the third, and *eternal* world age where there will be no more sorrow, no more tears, no more pain, and no more death (Revelation 21:4).

Indeed, that's the *entire point* of this second world age we now live in – i.e., to provide the salvation needed for God's wayward children who either fell to Satan in the first world age or who didn't care to make a stand on God's behalf at that time, and to utterly destroy for all times that one who led God's children astray in the first place.

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

Every soul will be judged out of either the Book of Life, or the books of the various nations and their peoples. And only those souls whose names have been written in the Book of Life – which is to say, only those who love Christ and the salvation He offers – will be allowed into the third and eternal world age.

God wants to know who truly values His eternal family household and its blessings of perfect peace, happiness and well-being. This flesh age is merely the proving ground, so to speak. But your actions here determine which book you end up in. And quite frankly, the choice is up to you. It always has been. So make sure you don't steer your ship into the rocks. Stay on the straight and narrow of God's Word, and you'll be fine.

Rev 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

Do make careful note that in the last two verses our Lord has emphasized that every man will be judged “according to their *works*.”

This is why I cringe when naïve Christians tell me they need no works, but only faith. As the beloved St. James so frequently stated, “*Faith without works is dead*” (James 2:20), and “*Shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.*”

In other words, faith is not really faith, if there are no works to go along with it. Your works on behalf of our heavenly Father are a *display* of your underlying faith. So it is indeed your works of faith that will get you into heaven.

So *show* your faith in Christ, beloved, by working for Him within the context of His great plan to save His children, and to bring them back into His eternal family household. You can do so by planting seeds of truth from God’s Word, or by supporting a faithful seed-planting ministry, or preferably, both.

Always remember, even when those seeds of truth you plant in the minds of God’s wayward children are rejected, our heavenly Father nevertheless has promised that His Word will not return void (Isaiah 55:11). So never be discouraged in bringing forth your Father’s Word to others. If they reject it, don’t worry. Just turn it over to God, and move along. God knows how to handle it from there. They’re His children, and He wants to save them, not burn them. If they burn, it will be of their own free will and with perfect knowledge of the choice they’re making.

Rev 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

The first death is the death of the flesh. We *all* have to experience that death, for our heavenly Father wants us to know what death is like, first-hand. He wants us to understand what sin and rebellion against Him and His family household bring about.

After all, there’s nothing as effective as learning by *personal experience*. Much as a mother or father might allow a curious child to touch a candle flame *once*, so that child will know that fire is dangerous and not to be trifled with, so our heavenly Father allows us to experience death in the flesh *one time only*, so it’s no longer a vague or amorphous concept to us, but a reality. It’s through the flesh death that we truly come to appreciate eternal spiritual life.

But the *second death* mentioned above is the death of the *soul*. That’s your very being...your essence...what you might call your true “self.” Your flesh body is just the overcoat for the soul in this flesh age, and we *all* must lose that flesh overcoat at some point. But the *second* death means you exist no longer. It encompasses all things destined for the lake of fire, and all souls who have chosen to love Satan more than God. They will be gone forever, because they would rather *never exist again* than serve God and live peacefully and joyfully in His eternal family household.

As it is written in Revelation 21:7-8, “*He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and*

murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”

Rev 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

If your name’s not written in the book of life, you’ve earned a one-way ticket to hell. And you did it of your own free will.

Those whose names are written in the book of life have *proven* their love of our heavenly Father, and their loyalty to His Christ, by their works. In the final generation of this flesh age, many of them will stand against Satan, even in the face of death. As it’s written, in Revelation 12:11, “*And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.*”

Thanks be to God, by the end of the millennium teaching period and the subsequent final attempt at deception by Satan, there will be *uncountable numbers* of His children who will indeed be saved. As it’s further written in Revelation chapter 7:

Rev 7:9 After this I beheld, and, lo, **a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues,** stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

Salvation is for everyone, no matter what nation you come from, which bloodline you were born into, or what language you might speak. The Word of God and the salvation it brings forth is for *everyone* who truly wants it.

As it’s written in Revelation 22:11, “*And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.*” All are welcome into the eternal family household of God, if they sincerely want to be there. That’s why, in Revelation 7:9 above, we see so many of God’s children standing before the throne of God in robes of salvation.

Rev 7:10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

This great multitude which no man could number are acknowledging that salvation is through God and the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

Rev 7:11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

Why are they worshipping Him? Because they love and adore Him for the salvation He’s provided, and for the carrying out of His great purpose which had been “purposed upon the whole earth,” which is to say, the destruction of that old rebel, Satan, and his incorrigible followers.

Rev 7:12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

The saved multitudes acknowledge God's eternal attributes, and ascribe to Him the very blessings, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power and might He deserves to be loved for. In other words, they give Him all of the credit, since all of these blessed attributes flow forth from Him, to usward.

Rev 7:13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

Here, one of the elders at God's throne asks St. John if he knows who the multitudes in white robes are, and where they came from.

Rev 7:14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

St. John apparently didn't know who they were, or how they got there. So the elder at the throne of God told him these were all of God's children throughout this second world age who had chosen the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ over the deception of Satan and his children the Kenites.

In other words, uncountable numbers will indeed be saved, even at the end of the great tribulation and going into the millennium teaching period. So *never, never, never* give up hope or service to your heavenly Father and His great plan to save His children.

Rev 7:15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

The saved multitudes will dwell in peace and safety before the very throne of God, where each soul will have his own job. And the Father Himself will dwell among us. Indeed, as it's written in Ezekiel 48:35, the city of New Jerusalem will at that time be named *YHVH Shammah*, which is to say, being interpreted, "*The LORD is there.*"

Rev 7:16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

No one will ever go hungry again – physically or spiritually. Nor will the elements have any effect upon us, for we will all be in our eternal spiritual bodies, and the earth will be set back correctly on its axis and restored to its original pristine beauty and perfection, much as it was in the first world age before the Satan's rebellion and subsequent overthrow at God's hand.

Rev 7:17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

I cannot imagine why *any* of God's children would rather die in the lake of fire with Satan, rather than live forever with God in His eternal family household.

But as I've stated repeatedly in this study, Satan wants *his* demise to be *your* demise, as well. He wants to take down as many of God's children as he can, for it's the only way he has left to hurt God, who is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

Unfortunately, in spite of God's promises, Satan nevertheless manages to corral quite a few of God's children, in particular "*the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars*" (Revelation 20:8 and Revelation 21:8). Make sure you're not one of them, beloved. Be an overcomer in Christ. Know for a certainty that our heavenly Father will carry out His great purpose on this earth, which is the destruction of Satan and (short of repentance), his rebellious children as well.

So fortify yourself in His Word every day so you can successfully and effectively take your stand against the fiery darts of Satan, with the Gospel Armor on, and in place. And when the great white throne judgment of God is over and God's great purpose upon this earth has finally been fulfilled, God shall wipe away all tears from your eyes, forever. It's His promise and His most fervent desire for you

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